



### REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed on June 15, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and present claims are respectfully requested. Claims 31-45 and 47-55 are pending. Applicants should not be presumed to agree with any statements made regarding the rejections and objections made in the Office Action unless otherwise specifically indicated by the Applicants.

Claims 1-30 and 46 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants take this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the canceled subject matter to the public.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's statement in the previous Office Action in which claims 31-45 have been indicated as allowable. Applicants have amended claims 31-45 to put them in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 47 includes features that are substantially similar to claim 31. Applicants respectfully request that not only claims 31-45 be allowed and the rejection be withdrawn, but also claims 47-55.

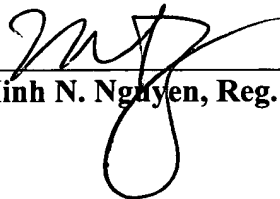


## CONCLUSION

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Furthermore, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known for at least the specific and particular reason that the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

Applicants respectfully maintain that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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